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23001481 Attorney Docket First Named Inventor Williams et al. AMENDMENT UNDER 09/297.648 Application Number 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Filing Date March 10. 2000 **RESPONSIVE TO PAPER NO. 12** Group Art Unit 1631 Address to: Examiner Name J. Brusca **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Title: Novel Human Genes and Gene Expression Products II

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 29, 2000, which set a threemonth period for response, making this amendment due on or before February 28, 2001. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before May 28, 2001. In view of the amendments and the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification

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On page 1 after the title, please insert the following two paragraphs:

-- Cross-References to Related Applications

This application is the National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US99/01619, filed January 28, 1999, which International Application was published by the International Bureau in English on August 5, 1999, which International Application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/072,910, filed January 28, 1998; U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/075,954, filed February 24, 1998; U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/080,114, filed March 31, 1998; U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/080,515, filed April 3, 1998; U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/080,666, filed April 3, 1998; U.S. provisional patent